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Resolution Honors 100th Anniversary of State Forestry System *McManus to present resolution at North Higgins Lake State Park on August 9*

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LANSING – The Michigan Senate recently adopted a resolution sponsored by Sen. Michelle McManus, R-Lake Leelanau, to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the Michigan State Forestry system.

"Michigan forests continue to play an integral role in our natural resources," McManus said. "By serving as good stewards of our environment, and ensuring the quality management of our forestry system, we are protecting the drinking water and clean air for Michigan families."

Senate Resolution 130 recognizes August 9, 2003, as the 100th anniversary of the Michigan State Forestry System and encourages the state to continue sustainable management of the forest system over the next century.

McManus will be presenting Senate Resolution 130 at the North Higgins Lake State Park CCC Nursery on Saturday, August 9, at 1 p.m. in the afternoon.

In honor of the 100th anniversary of the forestry system, Senate Majority Leader Ken Sikkema, R-Wyoming, and Speaker of the House Rick Johnson, R-Leroy, also announced on August 6 the formation of joint hearings of the Senate Agriculture, Forestry and Tourism Committee and the House Agriculture and Resource Management Committee on the Michigan State Forestry system.

Senate Resolution 130 was unanimously adopted by the Senate on July 15, 2003.